

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## WHILE THE WARS RAGE

### We Must Nestle Closer to God and Be on Our Battle Field.

If They Can Sacrifice the Comforts of Home

These are awful days. The anxious inquirer is often heard, saying, "I wonder what will come next." The human family the world over is more or less effected in one way or another. It seems that no special individual really wants war, but whether it is wanted or not the war demons seem to be turned loose.

With more than twenty-five nations already under fire, no one can tell what will be the outcome of it all.

Millions of lives have already been given to the awful ravages, and no indications of peace. It seems that the long demon like claws are reaching out after new territory to drag other nations into the struggle.

The pages of history are stained with the blood of the slain from the time the first victim fell in the field at the hand of Cain. What is the cause of it all? The answer is given by the Almighty Himself when He was expostulating with the first murderer: "Sin lieth at the door." That is the very cause of the awful carnage and waste of human lives today.

The great iron hand seems to be slowly closing in on our own beloved land. In many places our peaceful Americans are overcome by the wild excitement of war, as from the humble and peaceful homes our sons are dragged from the parental nest and hurried away to the front.

Some of our own church members have already had their heart strings almost torn asunder as their boys have been pulled away from them, by the cruel monster, as he mercilessly claimed the youths for his own. The last good-bys have been said and the boys are gone.

No body knows what tomorrow will bring forth. The headlines of the morning papers are closely scanned. People are watching for what seems to be the inevitable. People who know about it are almost breathlessly wondering if

Washington's vision will yet be fulfilled. It is said that, in vision, that "father of our country" saw this country laid waist by the ravages of war—a later war than the civil war of the "sixties."

But while the wars rage we must nestle closer to God and be on OUR battlefield winning precious lost souls for our Lord. Instead of growing quiet, and watching the war clouds as they gather and settle here and there, we must get a new touch from heaven and rush into the battle with even more zeal and courage than ever. The more the devil works to drag precious souls to hell the more we must work to rescue them from the eternal flame.

The zeal you have, should be doubled. The love you have for souls should be touched up a little and greatly increased. Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee," were words of admonition given by Paul to the young man Timothy. "I think it meet \* \* \* to stir you up" wrote Peter in his second letter, to those who had obtained like precious faith with him.

If it was needful for Paul and Peter to write such messages, it is surely needful for us to heed the admonition and stir ourselves and go into deeper depths and higher heights of spirituality preparatory to the greater conflict just ahead. And that there is a greater conflict is certain. There will be need for every available resource provided for us in the atonement.

This is no time now for idleness or ease. It is too late to shirk or to build air-castles of ease and pleasure. The mountain tops of spirituality must be reached at any cost. A low standard has been satisfactory in the past but such will not do now. The good must give way now for the best. The very best is not too good now. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons

ought ye to be in all Holy conversation and godliness? 2 Peter 3:11. This has been a question a long time, but the answer must be given now. And each one will have to give answer for himself.

Do not wait till tomorrow to begin to answer and stir yourselves; today, this moment, is late enough. I feel something of the awfulness of the moment as I write. I pray that you may feel it as you read. We have been putting off for a more convenient time, but that will not do now, for the call to battle has already sounded and must be off at once. Stir as you go. Answer as you run. Make any sacrifice that it takes to get God's best woven into your life. He wants MEN in His ranks.

We expect to use Winsett's latest song book, "Songs of Perennial Glory," at the assembly in November. Your should get a book and learn the songs and be ready to join the great throng in singing unto the Lord.

Those who are spiritual giants, and fully prepared with the signs and gifts and the beautiful luscious fruit hanging heavy on every tender twig of your life, both in words and actions.

If you have not already done so, I trust this will be the time you will join in the concert with David and sing from the very depths of your soul, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so putteth my soul after thee O God. My soul thirsteth for the God, for the living God." Nothing else will satisfy the longing soul. O, to have God! The living God! The Father, and the Son! The Holy Ghost, to move, and control, and rule!

Your heart is hungry. Draw closer this moment. He is blessedly near just now. I feel His presence, and so do you. Pillow your head on His bosom and listen to His sweet words as He speaks. "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth also shall

disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." Isa. 26:20, 21.

While you are going forth with burning zeal and undaunted courage in the battle for your King, be shut up with Him, and in such close touch with Him that your faith will rise to the highest pitch, and your spirituality will broaden into a mighty river.

The men are off to the war. If they can sacrifice the comforts of home and friends to go to the front and welter in their own blood on some bloody battlefield merely to be a soldier for their country, how much more should we make any sacrifice required to gain the greatest spirituality and save the most souls. I wonder if we have been too careless, and too slow, and too craving after some of the things of this world, for our best interests and spiritual welfare. If so, let us say goodbye to every hindrance now and bravely press out into the deep and obtain all God has prepared for us in Jesus Christ.

"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness," is the way Paul puts it at Col. 1:11. This is not too much for us. In fact, we need this kind of strength for the work we are compelled to do. O, God, I cry unto Thee, make haste and lend us thy assistance in these last days of peril on every hand, and give us the message to burn into every soul on Thy footstool.

Take this, dear ones, as a special call to a deeper spiritual life and let nothing hinder you in renewing your consecration, and give yourselves renewedly into the hands of the Holy Ghost for more effective service. Let Him continue His work of transforming your lives. He has not completed it yet. You may have hindered Him. If so, give place to Him again so He can finish the job.

You can't burn the message into others unless it is burning in you. Let the Holy Ghost fan your spiritual life into a flame. If you have become quiet and your zeal is not burning as it once did, you need to rekindle the flame. The prophet Jeremiah apparently cooled off once and we hear him

while in that condition: "I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. \* \* \* The word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. Then I said, I will not not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name." The dear man had about given up the struggle, because the opposition was too great. But listen at him again as he recovers himself from the power of the enemy. "But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side \* \* \* But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one."

Beloved, if you do not have the burning in you, then you need a new touch from the divine hand. You need to get the flame burning in you till you cannot stay. Some of you have been so full of fire till you could not remain at your daily toil.

Now, you have cooled off till you are scarcely interested. What has happened to you? How would you feel if the Lord should suddenly appear and find you cooled off like you are and not in active service for Him, as you once was?

Fire up, brother, sister, fire up! Never stop till you are like a flame of fire, burning with holy zeal till you will go and go and cry aloud and spare not and warn the people of the day of wrath that will be poured out on the wicked shortly. Be a flame! God bless you! Be aflame!

Ft. Myers, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All Saints:

I am praising God for the deep settled peace in my soul. I praise God because He has saved me and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost and I have victory over the devil. It is wonderful that God has really given me power to overcome Satan. I praise God because He heals my body.

I have many trials and temptations but by His help I expect to stand true to Him. There are more than a hundred here who belong to the Church of God.

Pray for me that I may be found doing the will of my Father when he comes or calls.

Your brother in Jesus,  
Francis Barley.



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## Mentone, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for His goodness and mercy toward me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and it seems as though I can't praise him enough for it. I praise God that I ever walked in the light. Although it is a persecuted way, but Jesus said it would be that way. We are fools for Christ's sake. And are made as the filth of the world, and are the off-scouring of all things unto this day (1 Cor. 4:10-14), but praise His dear name, He has promised to be with us even unto the end. I am so glad I am willing to suffer for Jesus. I am also praising God for finding the true church. I was converted some time before I ever heard of the Church of God, and felt like joining some church, but could never give up to join any of them. My heart was desiring a more perfect church than I knew of, so when I heard the Church of God preached I knew it was the church I had been seeking for. So when I reached the place I was fit to join, I went in, and I praise God that I did. I love the church because its founder is yet living, and coming again to catch away his waiting bride. Praise God! I thank Him for the Comforter which will guide and lead in the right way, that we may be ready when He comes.

I am praising God that when the Comforter comes in the vain pleasures of the world go out, they cannot abide together. I am giving

Him the glory for the determination that I shall never take any more medicine, but obey the Word (James 5:14-15) and trust in Him at all times.

We are having wonderful meetings, the spirit of the Lord is always present. Easter Sunday night, April 23, there was a little girl 11 years old baptized with the Holy Ghost and He testified too (John 15:26). Also three other little girls seeking yet they did not go all the way that night, so in our Thursday night meeting three were seeking again, and the Lord wonderfully baptized all three with the Holy Ghost.

The first one baptized came up dancing and the Spirit carried her to the one that was baptized on Sunday night, the power came on her and she began to dance too, and in the meantime another was baptized, but did not dance then, but the two first danced until the last was baptized and she came up dancing, and then the other little girl began to dance. All four were then dancing praising God. It was just grand how the Lord used them and them so young too, ages 9 to 11, and the younger played the organ under the power. The first two began to dance at 12 o'clock and continued until 15 to 2 o'clock.

We were in meeting again on Saturday night and the power still using them in the same way. Then on Sunday afternoon, April 30th, after Sunday school three little brave soldiers went up in the woods with another little seeker, so the Lord heard and answered their prayers and another baptized with the Holy Ghost, praise his dear name! Now there is a band of five little girls and we are so proud of them. It may not be necessary to say there was some rejoicing with older saints.

God's word is being fulfilled in spite of all the sneers of the people.

In perfect peace Thou wilt him keep,  
 Who in thy peace is dwelling:  
 The storm may rage, and waters deep  
 Around him may be swelling;  
 But fixed is he, Thy word is sure,  
 No storm can reach that place secure.

Let man and devil do their worst?  
 Shall God be beaten? Never!  
 Their raging waves may madly burst,  
 To sink in foam for ever.  
 And still God's rock unshaken stands,  
 For neither Satan, nor man's hands  
 Dare touch or reach God's centre.

Pray for us that we may keep humble and ever be ready when he comes.

Your sister under the blood,  
 May Belle Brown.

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## Baltimore, Md.

I praise God for being saved and under the precious blood of Jesus. I ran when I heard Him call because He said "Child, I have rest for you" and down at His feet I did fall and He gave that blessed peace to me, and I praise Him I am justified, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I praise God for this holy sweet way. I am so glad I found this way.

I had been sick for about fifteen years but when Jesus came into my heart He healed me. Doctor said I had dropsy and heart trouble but praise God I am healed now and saved nearly four years.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Hattie Morton.

52 Bloon St.

## Hayesville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise to my Savior for what He has done for me.

About four years ago I was saved and sanctified and a little later on I was filled with the Holy Ghost, and I still have the victory.

I am a member of the Church of God. I praise the Lord because He cleansed me from tobacco and healed me of rheumatism, I am so glad that the Holy Ghost so sweetly abides. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Dora Donnel.

## Boreing, Ky.

To the Evangel Friends:

Song of Sol. 5:1.

We are here in Kentucky building up an old camp ground that has been vacant for six years.

The tabernacle is broken down and another must be built. The place is indeed desolate and we are without comforts but we count all joy, and are content and praise God for fresh air, spring water, beautiful scenery, hungry people and the privilege of finding them and his promise that "the desert shall blossom as the rose."

We expect to have a pentecostal campmeeting here Aug 12-27.

We shall appreciate any gift large or small. Clothing, cots, bedding, groceries and money. Send by post, express, or freight. Thank you in His name. Heb. 6:10, 14.  
 Abbie C. Morrow Brown.  
 Anna O. Van Harrod.

## Blanche, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:  
 I praise God for saving,

sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise His sweet name. I belong to the Church of God.

Pray for me and my home.

Your brother in Christ,

W. H. Conken.

## Camp Meeting

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Hayesville, N. C. R. F. D. 1 will being Aug. 15th and continue fifteen days or longer as the Lord may lead.

M. S. Lemons in charge. If you want the Lord to bless you, come, seek His wondrous grace, but, if you want to loaf, please seek another place. All earnest seekers cordially invited. A good time expected. Any information desired, address,

C. C. Martin, Clerk,

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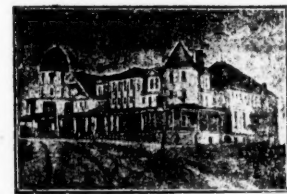
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While every precaution is

taken to guard against mistakes, yet if any should occur we will take pleasure in making proper corrections.

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## SATAN IS ALWAYS BUSY

"For We Are not Ignorant of His Devices."—2 Cor. 2:11.

Sam C. Perry.

No matter what our position in the service of God, or what our state of grace, Satan, our enemy is ever working to cast us down. It is a fact that he is our avowed enemy and will be so until he is judged and cast out. It is to our profit that we ever keep this thought in mind lest he get the advantage of us. We are always safer when we know our danger and look out for protection.

Many carelessly overlook the warning of the Lord concerning this awful wily foe and go recklessly into his snares and are overthrown. You need not think that Satan has given up his deceptive work and that you may go to sleep in safety anywhere. Be assured that he is a foe who is working at every possible point of approach ready to overcome and lead you astray, no matter how well you have conquered and defeated him in the past. He never gives up the fight. You have overcome him today, but you will have to do the same again tomorrow. Perhaps this often is the cause of our being defeated by him, we had such a complete victory and felt such great blessings that we forgot to look for the approach of our old adversary and be approached from another quarter, all unexpected to us, and not being prepared for the attack we were overcome, and the greater our blessings and victories, the more daring are his attempts to check and overthrow our faith.

It does seem, if possible, that Satan is more active, and working harder in these days than ever before. Of course he knows that the Lord is preparing his bride for translation, and this seems to be the time for his greatest deceptions that he may mislead and deceive if possible the very elect. But thank God there are a few people in the earth who are familiar with His ways and who will not be mislead and deceived by him.

We do not believe that Satan has very much trouble keeping the world in general deceived and going his way, but those who give him most trouble, doubtless, are they who have found that there is full deliverance from sin in Jesus Christ, and are struggling to possess it. He must be doubly active where his in-

terests have all been swept away.

Satan knows full well that if he can succeed in getting God's ministers, the purified, the Spirit filled to caviling about words to no profit he is likely soon to possess some holdings again in those quarters, as also will a little pride, self-esteem, or self-will, backbiting, cutting at one who differs with you, and such things, serve the same purpose.

Strange indeed that Satan may so far outwit us that we think such things are allowable in the pure in heart. It is so surprising that some who profess a clean heart, even, on occasions seem to have malice and ill will for some of God's children. This state of affairs could not exist without a work of Satan.

What? Satan not at work? All of these backbitings, divisions, criticisms, faultfindings and other inconsistencies are the echoes of his working, and even among the professed followers of Jesus at that. "Tell it not in Gath." Let it not be known that those who have once felt the good Spirit within have any of them been so far deceived, as to think that such things become the saints of the Lord.

"Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?" You have it still if you possess the meek and lowly spirit of the Master, but if not perhaps you have talked it away perchance it has leaked out because you were prayer-less, without love, without patience or disobedient to the Lord in something. If Jesus has come in give Him right of way and obey Him, keep Satan out, and all will go well.

#### Bell Mills, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising God for the deep settled peace in my soul and no one can take it away. I praise God for the dear old Church of God. The one that is so pure and clean that no unclean thing can stay therein.

I belong at Crumley's Chapel. We have so many young people and such sweet little girls and oh, how I love them all. Tongue can't express it. I just love every body and my heart goes out for this lost world. I want to speak some word that will

help some poor soul. Oh, what a wonderful love this is.

I want to say to sister Lila Harper that if she will fast and pray she will get out of this troubled condition.

I can't remember when I didn't use snuff but I laid it down for the sake of my blessed Savior, the One that suffered and died for me.

I used to get troubled when I didn't have a thing to be troubled about but since I have found such a precious Savior my life is all happiness. It makes me so happy that I can live here and work for Jesus.

I am so glad I ever found this wonderful way that I can live so happy. My neighbors are all holiness fighters but I do love them all so good and I am praying for them.

Please help me pray for my six sisters that they may get in this happy way. Oh, it means so much to be a Christian. Jesus is so good to us if we will only let him be. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Mattie McElroy.

#### Fork Ridge, Tenn.

A. J. Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising God for His wonderful blessings to us here. There are only a few here but we are looking and trusting and contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. The Lord gives us some glorious service. I love the Church of God and her teaching.

I am sure we are all praying for the advancement of God's kingdom. We need a Church of God minister to come and hold a meeting. We hope the Lord will send brother M. S. Lemons.

Please pray a special prayer for us at this place that we may be more determined to go through, and that in the near future we may have a church established here. Also pray that the Lord will make me stronger, and that I may stay in the will of God and be used for His glory.

Yours under the blood,  
E. W. Anderson.

WANTED—The address of Lula Jones at once.

Mrs. L. A. Morgan,  
Pasco, Fla.

Dear sister, you will find the story of Jonah in the book of Jonah.

NOTICE—From a reliable source comes a warning to the church in Florida against a certain "Augusta and his wife." He is trying to get into all the churches he can with his false teaching.

#### Resting From Her Labors.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.—Rev. 14:13.

Sister Ell Colwell, of Blairsville, Ga., was called to her reward May 26, 1916. She had been weak in body for some time but strong in spirit. She has enjoyed full salvation the last few years of her life. I have heard her shout the victory over sin and talk in tongues according to Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6, several times on the old battle ground.

She was a member of the Church of God at "Youngcane."

She was able by the grace of God to live holiness, talk holiness always show which side she was on.

She will be missed in the home, in the church and, yes, in the battle for the right. She hath finished her course, henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of glory that fadeth not a way, which the righteous Judge will give unto all that live holy, and without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.

At her request the funeral service was conducted by your unworthy brother, and her remains were placed in Providence cemetery to await the resurrection morn. She leaves a son and daughter, two brothers and one sister to follow on. I hope we'll all be able to say that by the grace of God we will meet her in glory land where parting will be no more.

"There'll be no dying there,  
There'll be no dying there,  
In heaven above where all is love,  
There'll be no dying there."

"There'll be no mockers there,  
There'll be no mockers there,  
In heaven above, where all is love,  
There'll be no mockers there."

Thurman White.

#### Gone to Be With Jesus.

Sister Laura Culmer departed this life June 18th, leaving a husband and four children to mourn their loss. Sister Culmer received the Holy Ghost three years ago and was added to the Church of God. All through her illness she was true to the Church.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

We speak of the realms of the blest, that country so fair, and oft are its glories confessed, but what must it be to be there?

W. F. Hesson,  
Key West, Fla.

#### Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and the Saints of God:

I am praising God for this wonderful plan of salvation.

About two years and seven months ago, I was wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

When I received my baptism, I was a perfect wreck. All the doctors had failed. I was turned away from the best hospital in Baltimore—Johns Hopkins. I had no chance as they said to recover. Doctors pronounced it tuberculosis of the throat. I could not speak above a whisper.

Brother Pitcher and the saints prayed over me and anointed me with oil. I am healed, thank God, and kept healed by the power of God.

God is in our midst, and His mighty power is working with us, thank God.

We had our meetings Sunday as usual. At the close of the afternoon meeting the deacons prayed with the sick. In the room during the prayer there were only the saints, and it was as if we were in the "upper room" when the Holy Ghost fell upon the Apostles at Jerusalem.

For an hour or more no one could speak for the precious Holy Ghost. We were all filled with "new wine," bless God.

At the beginning of the night service brother Pitcher said he felt like getting down low at the feet of Jesus and letting the Holy Spirit have His way. He preached a sermon I shall never forget, and the power of God was manifested as I never saw it before.

When the altar call was given there was quite a number at the altar seeking God. One sister sanctified and one reclaimed. It was the greatest day I ever spent.

"I'm a member, I'm a member, I'm a member of the Church of God, And I love her, there's no other

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We ask all the saints of God to pray for us.

Your brother and sister in Christ,

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**Fort Myers, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul and for the dear old Church of God, and for the Holy Ghost that so sweetly keeps and guides into all truth, bless His name.

Brother M. S. Haynes, brother E. Haynes and wife, and other workers have just closed a two weeks meeting here, which was the greatest revival we have ever had in Fort Myers.

For some time past the work seemed to be on a standstill since our pastor, brother Marks, left us. A good many had back-slidden, but some still had victory and were holding on to God for a revival.

The Lord blessed wonderfully in the first service. As the message came forth in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, God honored His Word, as he always does the full gospel when it is preached. The power fell and there was music and dancing, talking in tongues and shouting.

Sinners became hungry for salvation and it was only a few nights till the altar was full. People confessing their sins, crying out to God for pardon and getting up with their faces shining, and would never stop seeking till they received the Holy Ghost and talked in tongues.

Young men who came to the meeting under the influence of whiskey got under such deep conviction they went down to the altar in a day or two, got saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost baptized in water, and added to the Church of God. How our hearts rejoiced to see them transformed by the mighty power of God. Others bound by demons; the demons were cast out in Jesus' name and they received the Holy Ghost.

The power of God was manifested in every service so that at times there would be no chance to preach, but brother Haynes is a man that honors the Holy Ghost and is willing to sit back and let the Lord work, even if the house is crowded with folks that are anxious to hear him preach.

There were thirty three received the Holy Ghost some saved, twenty baptized in water, and twenty-one added to the Church of God.

Pray for us, that this revival may last till Jesus comes.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. W. W. Montgomery.

**Cocoa, Fla.**

I praise God for sending brother A. R. Mitchell here to

hold a meeting. The people are getting in earnest. I received the Holy Ghost and fire last Tuesday night and I expect to be baptized in water soon. I praise God for a salvation that keeps us from sin.

Pray for our little band here.

Your brother in the Lord,  
James Hooper.

**A WARNING.**

J. J. Culpepper.

To the Evangel Family:

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." 2 Cor. 6:17.

After reading the last Evangel I feel like it would be good for me to give a bit of my experience. A preacher of one of the popular denominations was going to run a tent meeting near my home, and the pastor at that place invited me to help in the meeting. I did not search the Word to see whether I had a right to offer sacrifice with them or not, so I went and worked some in the meeting. But one night, the pastor cursed the congregation for being fools and told them he had as much right to curse as they did. I did not go any more, but I had done got the poison and was under condemnation because I had disobeyed the Word of the Lord, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate."

So I was in a back-slidden condition. Most everything worried me. But I found in Rev. 2:2 where the Lord said, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candle-stick out of his place, except thou repent." I, therefore, repented and fasted and prayed and God forgave me, and I am praising God for victory now, and because my soul is getting fat.

**Atlanta, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

I feel very much impressed to write just a few words of warning to the people in different places who speak carelessly of the Church of God.

Praise, God, I'm glad I'm one of them that has been connected with this divine institution which is the pillar and ground of truth. Bless God forever. I've had a real

distinct revelation of God's Church, and would most sincerely warn people who speak of God's Church, lightly and indifferently, to be as careful as if they were speaking of the blessed Holy Ghost.

So many today are carelessly loosening themselves from the Church of God, and even go so far as to deny the Scripture, which tells of the condition of those, who were not of us else they would have continued with us.

Some say the Church of God is too narrow and too strict. Well, hallelujah, that is almost wonderful reputation. Beloved, this is a narrow way and the closer we get to God the more narrow the way becomes. I really love the church because it is strict and because we must measure up to God's Word in order to stay in the sacred body.

As a special warning I will quote the following Scripture from Matt. 16:16-19 with special emphasis on the 19th verse "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said, unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven, And I say unto thee that thou art Peter; and upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee, the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth; shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven."

Hallelujah! I love her, she is the only one of her mother.

Your sister in Him,  
Mrs Christina Smith.

**Blairsville, Ga.**

Aunt Ell Colwell departed this life May 26th, to be with her Jesus. She was filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.

We will miss her for she was one among the strongest of our little band.

She had been diseased for several years. She trusted God for her healing to the very last but Jesus thought best to take her to dwell among the angels where sad partings come no more and no tears be shed but all is peace, joy and happiness.

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy for the bereaved ones in their hours of sadness. Funeral service was conducted at Providence by Thurman White. She was laid to rest

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**Middlesboro, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to send a request for all the saints of this place.

Most of us are in a cold condition and we earnestly desire your prayers that we may enjoy the fullness of salvation as we once did. Satan crept in and did his work and we stumbled but we want to get back to the old paths. We used to be strong on divine healing but it seems that the last spark has died.

Please pray a special prayer for us that we may quit our bad habits and be true to our Lord.

We need a preacher in this needy field.

A sister requests prayer for her little girl who has pellegra.

Evangel Reader.

**Milford, Conn.**

Dear Brother A. J. Tomlinson and All the Saints:

This will inform you of my whereabouts. It has been some time since I wrote you, however I am still standing firm on the rock, Christ Jesus, and holding the banner to the breeze and letting the colors fly, by God helping me.

I have been pastoring a little Church of God at Jacksonville, Fla. for more than two years and the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work there; but it seemed to please the Lord that brother Bright, two or three others and myself come to this place.

I want to ask all to pray that the Lord may pour out the fire of heavenly love on the people at this place.

I praise God because the Comforter abides.

A servant for the Lord,  
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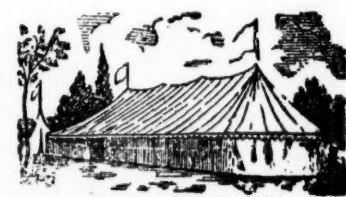
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